(d) CBSE seeks external advice on administrative, academic and examination related issues from time to time.

Categories of persons treated as disabled

*171. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of persons treated as 'disabled' for the purpose of education and employment;

(b) whether the quota for the disabled is being filled up regularly; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the percentage of quota for the disabled in view of the increasing number of people with various kinds of disabilities?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) As per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, a person with disability means a person suffering from not less than 40% of any disability, certified by a medical authority.

For the purpose of employment, reservation is provided to the following categories of persons with disabilities, in the posts identified for each disability:—

(i) blindness or low vision;

(ii) hearing impairment;

(iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy.

For educational purposes, in addition to the above three categories, leprosy cured, mentally ill and mentally retarded persons with disabilities are provided reservation in educational institutions run by or receiving aid from the Government.

(b) The responsibility of filling up of the quota is of concerned organisation/institution. In case of any default, Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, appointed under the Act, takes remedial action, *suo-moto* or on the request of a person with disability.

(c) No, Sir.